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Tribal Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to focus on tribal tourism in order to improve the economy of backward areas;
(b) whether the Government is aware that there is a great potential for tribal tourism in the country including Maharashtra, North East and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for development of tourism in tribal areas in a non-exploitative manner and the funds provided under the Tribal Area Tourism Circuit Scheme;
(d) whether the Government proposes to impart training to tribal people in this regard; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme for integrated development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country in 2014-15. Realising the potential of tribal tourism in the country, Tribal Circuit is one of the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under the Scheme. Under this circuit, the aim is to develop and promote the tribal areas in a very responsible manner with due focus on cultural sensitivities, carrying capacity and preservation of natural surroundings and culture.

The admissible project components under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme are:

i. Infrastructure Development,
ii. Capacity Development, Skill Development and Knowledge Management,
iii. Online Presence

The details of projects sanctioned under the Tribal Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme are given in annexure.

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